(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has informed that there are three branches of LIC in Meghalaya located at Tura, Shillong and Jowai.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Enactment of effective laws to prevent encroachments around Ancient Monuments

*713. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing laws are not comprehensive and stringent enough to take care of the encroachers in and around our ancient monuments;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal for amending those laws; and

(c) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The existing laws are effective to deal with encroachers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Purchase of share holdings in Newspapers by the Financial Institutions

†*714. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a financial institution of Government of India had purchased share holding in the Pioneer newspaper;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof and conditions laid in this regard;

(c) the names of other newspapers wherein the financial institutions of Government of India have purchased share holdings; and

(d) the policy of Government of India in this regard?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.